

Town Council Meeting Minutes
North Town Hall
February 12, 2018

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Washington, Cook and Jones.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8th, 2018 Council Meeting. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer

- Chief Shirer was not present at the Council Meeting; therefore, the Police Report was not given.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mrs. Lori Salley of McGregor and Company presented the fiscal year 2016-2017 audit before Council. For the year we had an unmodified opinion, which means the financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects. She summarized several statements from the audit. Overall, Mrs. Salley stated that the general financial health of the Town of North gets an A.
- Mayor Carson presented the account statement for January 2018 before Council. Mayor Carson made an additional comment that the audit report will be available to the public on the town website.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Mayor Carson addressed a comment Mrs. Salley made about the current improvements being made to the wastewater treatment plant. She stated that the majority of the improvements have been completed and encouraged the Council members to go out to the plant to see the improvements.
- Mayor Carson announced that there is a new 50-foot flag pole in town. She announced that there will be a flag raising ceremony on February 20th at 6:30 pm. The ceremony will be in honor and in memory of our deceased fire chief Greg Gambrell. The volunteer fire department is donating a stone marking the occasion.
- Mayor Carson also announced that R & J drugstore in North will be selling tee shirts that say Town of North. Rusty and Tavia Fogle, the owners of R & J, are donating a portion of the sales of the tee shirts to the Town. Mayor Carson thanked the Fogle's for their donation.
- Mayor Carson reported that the Town received 20 crepe myrtles from Palmetto Pride and that they have been planted along Hwy 321 as part of the Town's ongoing beautification.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Cook shared that she, along with Councilmembers Washington and Jackson, met with Scott Slatten of the Municipal Association for a grant writing workshop. She also stated that she and the Planning Commission are still working on the Empty Buildings tour.
- Councilmember Washington announced that a new light was being installed at the park. He also commented that he hopes the Town receives the grant for improvements to the basketball court.
- Councilmember Jones will contact Billy Staley concerning hazard mitigation. He also stated that we did not receive the grant for shutters and generators, but that he will reapply. He also spoke with the person responsible for the street signs and they are still in the process of trying to come up with the person who they can contract with. He also stated that he has not received any information from the assistant county administrator regarding use of County equipment to cut the bushes along the railroad track.
- Councilmember Washington also stated that he wanted to work on organizing a hurricane shelter in North.

- Mayor Carson mentioned that the Town received informational cards in the mail for free certified tax prep for households earning up to \$54,000 through SC Thrive. She left the cards out for the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- At 7:36 pm Councilmember Jones made a motion to move into executive session to discuss the pending sale of property. Councilmember Washington seconded the motion and upon vote it was approved unanimously. At 8:10 Council returned from executive session. No decisions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- There were no written requests for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- Mr. George Sigmon made a request to speak per the sign in sheet. He questioned whether the Town was enforcing ordinances concerning blocking sidewalks. He stated that if they were not, he would like to put a table outside of the Challenge Center for a fundraiser. He asked Council to please take his request under advisement.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business Councilmember Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Washington and upon vote was unanimously approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday March 12th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Culler
Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson: P. CARSON

Council Members:

Jeff Washington: Jeff Washington

Julius Jones: ABSENT

Daniel Jackson: ABSENT

Deborah Cook: Deborah Cook